

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House and Senate met in a Joint Meeting to receive His Excellency Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1223–S1261.

Measures Introduced: Twenty-five bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 623–647, S. Res. 94–95, and S. Con. Res. 7. **Pages S1246–47**

Measures Passed:

Career and Technical Education Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 94, supporting the goals and ideals of Career and Technical Education Month.

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World Wildlife Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 95, designating March 3, 2015, as “World Wildlife Day”.

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Measures Considered:

National Labor Relations Board—Agreement: Senate began consideration of S.J. Res. 8, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation case procedures, after agreeing to the motion to proceed.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 66), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the joint resolution at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 4, 2015, with two hours of debate remaining, equally divided in the usual form.

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Appointments:

Congressional Budget Office Director: The Chair made the following announcement: The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, pursuant to the provisions of Section 201(a)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act

of 1974, have appointed Dr. Homer Keith Hall as Director of the Congressional Budget Office, effective April 1, 2015, for the term expiring January 3, 2019.

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Joint Meeting Escort Committee—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the President of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort His Excellency Binyamin Netanyahu, into the House Chamber for the joint meeting at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, March 3, 2015.

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Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the continuation of the national emergency originally declared in Executive Order 13660 on March 6, 2014, as modified by the order of December 19, 2014, with respect to Ukraine; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–8)

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Transmitting, pursuant to law, the continuation of the national emergency originally declared in executive order 13288 on March 6, 2003, with respect to the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Zimbabwe and other persons to undermine Zimbabwe’s democratic processes or institutions; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–9)

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Navy.

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Messages from the House:

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Measures Referred:

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 Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—66) Page S1229
 Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m. and adjourned at 7:25 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 4, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1261.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Jeffery S. Hall, of Kentucky, and Dallas P. Tonsager, of South Dakota, both to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of the Treasury, after receiving testimony from Jacob J. Lew, Secretary, John A. Koskinen, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, and J. Russell George, Inspector General for Tax Administration, all of the Department of the Treasury.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND THE FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine a review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Ashton B. Carter, Secretary, and General Martin E. Dempsey, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

FEDERAL RESERVE ACCOUNTABILITY AND REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Federal Reserve accountability and reform, including S. 530, to require the president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, after receiving testimony from John B. Taylor, Hoover Institution, and Peter Conti-Brown, Stanford Law School Rock Center for Corporate Governance, both of Stanford University, Palo Alto, California; Paul H. Kupiec, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Allan H. Meltzer, Carnegie Mellon University Tepper School of Business, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUDGET

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Commerce and the Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Anthony R. Foxx, Secretary of Transportation; and Penny Pritzker, Secretary of Commerce.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security: Senators Ayotte (Chair), Wicker, Blunt, Rubio, Cruz, Fischer, Moran, Sullivan, Johnson, Heller, Gardner, Cantwell, Klobuchar, Blumenthal, Schatz, Markey, Booker, Udall, Manchin, and Peters.

Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet: Senators Wicker (Chair), Blunt, Rubio, Ayotte, Cruz, Fischer, Moran, Sullivan, Johnson, Heller, Gardner, Daines, Schatz, Cantwell, McCaskill, Klobuchar, Blumenthal, Markey, Booker, Udall, Manchin, and Peters.

Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security: Senators Moran (Chair), Blunt, Cruz, Fischer, Heller, Gardner, Daines, Blumenthal, McCaskill, Klobuchar, Markey, Booker, and Udall.

Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard: Senators Rubio (Chair), Wicker, Ayotte, Cruz, Sullivan, Johnson, Booker, Cantwell, Blumenthal, Markey, Schatz, and Peters.

Subcommittee on Space, Science, and Competitiveness: Senators Cruz (Chair), Rubio, Moran, Sullivan, Gardner, Daines, Peters, Markey, Booker, Schatz, and Udall.

Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security: Senators Fischer (Chair), Wicker, Blunt, Ayotte, Moran, Sullivan, Johnson, Heller, Daines, Booker, Cantwell, McCaskill, Klobuchar, Blumenthal, Schatz, Markey, and Udall.

Senators Thune and Nelson are ex officio members of all subcommittees.

FAIRNESS IN TAXATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine fairness in taxation, after receiving testimony from Lawrence Lindsey, The Lindsey Group, Fairfax, Virginia; Deroy Murdock, Atlas Network, and Steven Rattner, Willett Advisors LLC, both of New York, New York; and Heather Boushey, Washington Center for Equitable Growth, Washington, D.C.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST ISIS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on an update on the campaign

against the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) from Michael P. Dempsey, Deputy Director of National Intelligence for Intelligence Integration, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and Brett McGurk, Deputy Special Presidential Envoy for the Global Coalition to Counter ISIL, Department of State.

U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and the National Interest concluded an oversight hearing to examine United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, focusing on ensuring agency priorities comply with the law, after receiving testimony from Joseph Moore, Senior Financial Official, Donald Neufeld, Associate Director, Service Center Operations, and Daniel Renaud, Associate Director, Field Operations, all of Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 1208–1230; 1 private bill, H.R. 1231; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 21–22; and H. Res. 137, 139–41, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 138, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1029) to amend the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1978 to provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications, public participation, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1030) to prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency from proposing, finalizing, or disseminating regulations or assessments based upon science that is not transparent or reproducible (H. Rept. 114–37).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Newhouse to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a voice vote.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:05 a.m. for the purpose of receiving His Excellency Binyamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel. The House reconvened at 12:32 p.m., and agreed that the proceedings had during the Joint Meeting be printed in the Record.

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Joint Meeting To Receive His Excellency Binyamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel:

The House and Senate met in a joint session to receive His Excellency Binyamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel. He was escorted into the Chamber by a committee comprised of Representatives McCarthy, Scalise, McMorris Rodgers, Walden, Messer, Jenkins (KS), Foxx, Royce, Ros-Lehtinen, Granger, Zeldin, Dold, Hoyer, Crowley, Israel, Engel, Lowey, Nadler, Hastings (FL), Deutch, Sherman, Hahn, and Polis; and Senators McConnell, Cornyn, Thune, Barrasso, Wicker, Corker, Durbin, Schumer, Menendez, and Cardin.

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Passenger Rail Reform and Investment Act of 2015: The House agreed to H. Res. 134, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 749, to reauthorize Federal support for passenger rail programs, by a voice vote, after the previous question was ordered.

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Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2015: House agreed to the Simpson motion to take from the Speaker's table H.R. 240, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, recede from the disagreement of the Senate amendment and agree to concur therein, by a yea-and-nay vote of 257 yeas to 167 nays, Roll No. 109, after the previous question was ordered.

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Rejected the Massie motion to lay the Senate amendment on the table by a recorded vote of 140 ayes to 278 noes, Roll No. 108.

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Joint Economic Committee—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the Joint Economic Committee: Representatives Delaney, Adams, and Beyer.

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Presidential Messages: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Zimbabwe and other persons to undermine Zimbabwe's democratic processes or institutions is to continue in effect beyond March 6, 2015—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–13).

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Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13660 with respect to Ukraine is to continue in effect beyond March 6, 2015—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–14).

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H1527, H1535.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear of pages H1546, H1551. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

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Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on National Institutes of Health budget. Testimony was heard from Francis S. Collins, M.D., Director, National Institute of Health; Thomas R. Insel, M.D., Director, National Institute of Mental Health; Jon R. Lorsch, Director, National Institute

of General Medical Sciences; Nora D. Volkow, M.D., Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse; and Gary H. Gibbons, M.D., Director, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.

APPROPRIATIONS—UNITED STATES AFRICA COMMAND

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on United States Africa Command budget. Testimony was heard from General David M. Rodriguez, Commander, United States Africa Command. This hearing was closed.

APPROPRIATIONS—FOREST SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on U.S. Forest Service budget. Testimony was heard from Tom Tidwell, Chief, U.S. Forest Service; and Antoine "Tony" Dixon, Director of Strategic Planning, Budget and Accountability, U.S. Forest Service.

APPROPRIATIONS—INSTALLATIONS, ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND BRAC

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Installations, Environment, Energy and BRAC budget. Testimony was heard from John Conger, performing the duties of Assistant Secretary of Defense, Energy, Installations and Environment; Katherine Hammack, Assistant Secretary of the Army, Installations, Energy and Environment; Dennis V. McGinn, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Energy, Installations and Environment; and Miranda Ballentine, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Installations, Environment and Energy.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE MARKETING AND REGULATORY PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Agriculture Marketing and Regulatory Programs budget. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Agriculture officials: Ed Avalos, Under Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs; Kevin Shea, Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service; Anne Alonzo, Administrator, Agriculture Marketing Service; Larry Mitchell, Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration; and Michael Young, Budget Officer.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Commerce budget. Testimony was heard from Penny Pritzker, Secretary, Department of Commerce.

THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSED AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF MILITARY FORCE AGAINST ISIL AND U.S. POLICY, STRATEGY, AND POSTURE IN THE GREATER MIDDLE EAST

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The President’s Proposed Authorization for Use of Military Force Against ISIL and U.S. Policy, Strategy, and Posture in the Greater Middle East”. Testimony was heard from Christine Wormuth, Undersecretary of Defense for Policy; and General Lloyd Austin, USA, Commander of U.S. CENTCOM.

ALIGNMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND RISK AND DEFENSE STRATEGIC REQUIREMENTS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing entitled “Alignment of Infrastructure Investment and Risk and Defense Strategic Requirements”. Testimony was heard from John Conger, performing the duties of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Energy, Installations, and Environment; Katherine Hammack, Assistant Secretary of the Army, Installations, Energy, and Environment; Dennis V. McGinn, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Energy, Installations, and Environment; and Miranda A. A. Ballentine, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Installations, Environment, and Energy.

21ST CENTURY ENERGY MARKETS: HOW THE CHANGING DYNAMICS OF WORLD ENERGY MARKETS IMPACT OUR ECONOMY AND ENERGY SECURITY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “21st Century Energy Markets: How the Changing Dynamics of World Energy Markets Impact our Economy and Energy Security”. Testimony was heard from Adam Sieminski, Administrator, U.S. Energy Information Administration; and public witnesses.

UNDERSTANDING THE CYBER THREAT AND IMPLICATIONS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY ECONOMY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Understanding the Cyber Threat and Implications for the 21st Century Economy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Semi-Annual Report of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection”. Testimony was heard from Richard Cordray, Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 1147, the “Legal Workforce Act”; H.R. 1149, the “Protection of Children Act of 2015”; H.R. 1153, the “Asylum Reform and Border Protection Act of 2015”; and H.R. 1148, the “Michael Davis, Jr. in Honor of State and Local Law Enforcement Act”.

CHALLENGES FACING OIRA IN ENSURING TRANSPARENCY AND EFFECTIVE RULEMAKING

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Health Care, Benefits and Administrative Rules; and Subcommittee on Government Operations, held a joint hearing entitled “Challenges Facing OIRA in Ensuring Transparency and Effective Rulemaking”. Testimony was heard from Howard Shelanski, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs.

EPA SCIENCE ADVISORY BOARD REFORM ACT OF 2015; SECRET SCIENCE REFORM ACT OF 2015

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1029, the “EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act of 2015”; and H.R. 1030, the “Secret Science Reform Act of 2015”. The committee granted, by record vote of 7–4, a structured rule for H.R. 1029. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–10 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part A of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part A of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule also grants a structured rule for H.R. 1030. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose

of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–11 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Lucas, Clark of Massachusetts, and Polis.

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION REAUTHORIZATION: ENABLING A 21ST CENTURY AVIATION SYSTEM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing entitled “Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization: Enabling a 21st Century Aviation System”. Testimony was heard from Michael Huerta, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD–124.

Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Navy and Marine Corps, 10:30 a.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 2:30 p.m., SD–192.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine the Active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR–232A.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine United States nuclear weapons policy, programs, and strategy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, 3:30 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine wasteful duplication in the Federal government, 10:30 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security, to hold hearings to examine surface transportation reauthorization, focusing on oversight and reform of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016 for the Environmental Protection Agency, 9:30 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation, to hold hearings to examine Russian aggression in Eastern Europe, 2 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, “Inspector General Empowerment Act of 2015”, S. 280, to improve the efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process through reforms overseen by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, H.R. 460, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to train Department of Homeland Security personnel how to effectively deter, detect, disrupt, and prevent human trafficking during the course of their primary roles and responsibilities, H.R. 615, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to take administrative action to achieve and maintain interoperable communications capabilities among the components of the Department of Homeland Security, an original bill entitled, “Federal Improper Payments Coordination Act”, an original bill entitled, “Presidential Library Donations Act”, an original bill entitled, “Federal Vehicle Repair Costs Savings Act”, S. 546, to establish the Railroad Emergency Services Preparedness, Operational Needs, and Safety Evaluation (RESPONSE) Subcommittee under the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s National Advisory Council to provide recommendations on emergency responder training and resources relating to hazardous materials incidents involving railroads, S. 242, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide leave to any new Federal employee who is a veteran with a service-connected disability rated at 30 percent or more for purposes of undergoing medical treatment for such disability, S. 86, to amend title 44 of the United States Code, to provide for the suspension of fines under certain circumstances for first-time paperwork violations by small business concerns, and S. 136, to amend chapter 21 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in the civil service, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine S. 438, to provide for the repair, replacement, and maintenance of certain Indian irrigation projects, 2:30 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine whistleblower retaliation at the Federal Bureau of Investigation, focusing on improving protections and oversight, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Veterans Affairs budget, 9:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on Food and Drug Administration budget, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on Department of Defense budget, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, hearing on Department of Education budget, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on National Aeronautics and Space Administration budget, 10:30 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, hearing on Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Weapons Activities budget, 1 p.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on Department of Treasury budget, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "U.S. Policy, Strategy, and Posture in Afghanistan: Post-2014 Transition, Risks, and Lessons Learned", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing entitled "Air Force Projection Forces Aviation Programs and Capabilities for Fiscal Year 2016", 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing entitled "Cyber Operations: Improving the Military Cyber Security Posture in an Uncertain Threat Environment", 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing on H.J. Res. 29, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation case procedures, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled "The 21st Century Electricity Challenge: Ensuring a Secure, Reliable, and Modern Electricity System", 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "Reauthorization of the Federal Communications Commission: The FCC's FY 2016 Budget Request", 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Ukraine Under Siege", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled "The Trans-Pacific Partnership: Prospects for Greater U.S. Trade", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies, hearing entitled "Industry Perspectives on the President's Cybersecurity Information Sharing Proposal", 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, Full Committee, markup on H. Res. 132, Omnibus Resolution for Committee Funding in the 114th Congress; a committee resolution on Limitation on Allocation of Franked Mail; H.R. 195, the "Election Assistance Commission Termination Act"; and H.R. 412, to reduce Federal spending and the deficit by terminating taxpayer financing of presidential election campaigns, 10:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1147, the "Legal Workforce Act"; H.R. 1149, the "Protection of Children Act of 2015"; H.R. 1153, the "Asylum Reform and Border Protection Act of 2015"; and H.R. 1148, the "Michael Davis, Jr. in Honor of State and Local Law Enforcement Act", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Rebuilding the Chemical Safety Board: Finding a Solution to the CSB's Governance and Management Challenges", 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1119, the "Research and Development Efficiency Act"; H.R. 1156, the "International Science and Technology Cooperation Act of 2015"; H.R. 1162, the "Science Prize Competitions Act"; H.R. 1158, the "Department of Energy Laboratory Modernization and Technology Transfer Act of 2015"; and H.R. 874, the "American Super Computing Leadership Act", 9 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Building an Opportunity Economy: The State of Small Business and Entrepreneurship", 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the Economic Report of the President 2015, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 4

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, March 4

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of S.J. Res. 8, National Labor Relations Board, with a vote on passage of the resolution at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Following disposition of S.J. Res. 8, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the veto message to accompany S. 1, Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 749—Passenger Rail Reform and Investment Act of 2015 (Subject to a Rule).

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